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PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

A CALENDAR -

- (a) Football - Prairie View vs Bishop College - Here November 8
- (b) Football - Prairie View vs Langston - Here November 22
- (c) Football - Prairie View vs Southern - Baton Rouge November 29
- (d) Farmers and Agents Institute - Prairie View College November 18

B HOLIDAYS -

- (a) Armistice Day November 11
- (b) Thanksgiving Day November 20

C BUILDINGS -

(a) Schuhmacher Hall

One hundred young men moved into this beautiful new dormitory October 28 and 29. From points of construction, conveniences and plans, this is the most modern building on the campus. The qualifications for assignment to this dormitory are as follows:

- 1 No failing marks in subjects
- 2 A good housekeeping record
- 3 Not too much familiarity with the Discipline Committee

These young men occupants of this building are to be congratulated upon their records which were solely responsible for the selections.

(b) NYA Hall #3

Foundation is now being laid for another dormitory to house 60 young women for the NYA Resident Center at Prairie View. This building will be located west of the College Hospital. It will be used for the young women, while Numbers 1 and 2 will be used for housing 120 young men.

(c) Nurses Home

The Board of Directors recently authorized the construction of a Nurses' Home on the west side of the present Hospital location. This building will accommodate living quarters for thirty-eight (38) nurses and eight (8) supervisors. Construction on this project will begin immediately and will be ready for occupancy by February 1, 1942.

D COMING!!

- (a) Dr Earl McGrath, Chief Administrative Officer of the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, and Dr Pace, American Council on Education, will be here November 1-8, 1941, to serve as consultants in connection with the college's program for the Improvement of Teacher Education.

- b Dr U S Keeling, Bryan, Texas, will preach the Thanksgiving Sermon at the College, November 20, 1941.
- c Dr James L Horace, Chicago, Illinois, will serve as Discussion Leader at the "Y" Leadership Institute, December 5-6-7.
- d Dr Mary McLeod Bethune, Adviser on Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration, Washington, D C., will visit Prairie View State College in December or January.
- e Dr Howard Thurman, Howard University, Washington, D C., will direct the program of Religious Emphasis Week, January 2-3-4, 1942.

E APPOINTMENTS -

The program and the expansion of Prairie View State College's services, more than mortgage all of my time and energies. The problems both on and off the immediate campus are enough to keep my mind all the while loaded and preoccupied. The strategic and important position the college holds in cooperating and planning for the highest welfare of our group generally, in Texas and elsewhere, draw heavily upon the resources of my time and energy. Besides, there come the delicate problems of Public Relations and the utilization of opportunities for the expansion of the services of this institution. It is obvious, then, that I should be left fairly free from unnecessary local and personal distraction, so that I can handle the increasing daily problems at the best advantages. Consequently, we are asking staff members in seeking conferences at the office -

- 1 Be certain that the matter cannot be settled by Division, Department Heads and good judgment.
- 2 If it is still necessary for final opinion; after the remedy in number 1 has been exhausted, state your problem in writing and pass it to us. An immediate answer will be given, and, if the situation warrants a conference, it then can be arranged.
- 3 In conference, please go straight to the point and eliminate, as far as possible, all extraneous matters.

These suggestions are made in the kindest possible spirit. Our energies and time must be conserved for the larger and important interests of the institution, and, therefore, should not be consumed in unnecessary items. T-H-A-N-K-S.

F THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND -

- 1 Begin paying Community Chest Dues as early as possible.
- 2 Participate in the Prairie View Faculty Federal Credit Union

- 3 Let there be a 100% enrollment for the Faculty Entertainments. The first Entertainment is December 9. Let us all be there or our names on the roll.
- 4 The Annual State Teachers' Association will be held in Dallas, Texas, November 20-22, 1941. Those who are members, are eligible for attendance. Should they desire, kindly see Mr G W Reeves for the payment of dues.
- 5 Kindly dismiss classes promptly at the ringing of the last bell so that the students may not be late to the next assignment. While we know that our classes are interesting, yet, we must keep in mind that the students are required to meet promptly other appointments.

G AND FINALLY -

Let us study the words and ponder the meaning of this statement from Czechoslovakia, in the NEW YORK TIMES for September 23, 1937 -

"Our country might conceivably be overwhelmed by superior military force, but our Democracy will never be imperiled by outside attacks. Only its own feebleness or complacency destroys it. We in Europe see more clearly than you that Democracy dies from lack of discipline, unwillingness to compromise, group pressure, corruption, usurpation of public power, because the public is greedy or indifferent.

It dies unless it draws life from every citizen. Denouncing dictators gets nowhere. The job of those who believe in the democratic process is to be positive, not negative, to build up, expose and correct its mistakes, keep it alive."

— A statement from Czechoslovakia in the New York Times, September 23, 1937.

W R Banks
Yours truly

W R Banks
Principal

P S - Meeting usual time and place.

WRB

NEGRO HISTORY DISCUSSIONS
PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

1941-1942

Theme: America Plans for Economic and Social Security: A Technique of Meeting Intra-National and Inter-National Crises

A America's New Socio-Economic Transition - Dr Frank G Davis
December 4, 1941

B Public Relief and Welfare Planning -

1 General Aspects of WPA and Work Relief for Specific Groups -
Mr R W Hilliard - January 8, 1942

C Plans for the Farmer in Theory and Practice -

1 Farm Security Administration - Mr Marshall Brown
January 9, 1942

2 The AAA Program - Mr John H Williams
January 22, 1942

3 Farm Credit Program - Mr George L Smith
January 23, 1942

D Social Security Plans -

1 Security for Old Age - Professor E E Dawson
February 5, 1942

2 Security Against Unemployment - Mr B S Luter
February 6, 1942

E The Negro's Participation in Economic Planning -

1 The Scope of Negro Relief - Professor S E Warren
February 12, 1942

2 Federal Works and Housing - Miss Dorothy Burdine
February 13, 1942

3 Scope of Negro Farm Relief - Dr E B Evans
February 26, 1942

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE
Prairie View, Texas

F A C U L T Y D E B A T E

Date: January 26, 1942

Subject: Resolved - That the Federal Government Should Adopt a Policy of Equalizing Educational Opportunities Throughout the Nation by Means of Annual Grants to the Several States for Public, Elementary and Secondary Education.

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